IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1373 OF 2005

Sharad R. Sane .....Petitioner

Versus

The Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) & Ors. ...

Respondents

Mr. Rajeev Matkar for the Petitioner

Mr. P.M. Patil, Assistant Government Pleader, for the State.

CORAM: **DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J., &**
S.A. BOBDE, J.
DATE: MARCH 14, 2005.

P.C.:-

1. The learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn our attention to an application for renewal of licence bearing No. C.P.T.003, which was addressed to the Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Thane, on 19th January, 2005. According to the petitioner, the said application

has not yet been decided.

2. In the interest of justice, we deem it appropriate to direct the Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Thane, to decide the petitioner' s application within four weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

3. In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, we direct that until then, and a week thereafter, the respondents are directed not to take any coercive steps against the petitioner to retrieve the birds.

4. No further directions are necessary. This petition is accordingly disposed of.

CHIEF JUSTICE

S.A. BOBDE, J.